

HIGH SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE PROGRAM- SUMMER 2018

STUDENT-PARENT INFO SHEET for Seton High School

What: The 10-day pilgrimage program is structured to immerse students in the country that shaped the pope whose legacy changed the course of history, Pope Saint John Paul II. From on-site excursions to dynamic discussions, students are brought into conversation with Poland's culture, history, and key figures. Students can flourish in their faith through daily community prayer and opportunities to participate in daily Mass. Every aspect of the pilgrimage, including times of sport and music, are aimed at cultivating virtue and forming the whole person, in the example of Karol Wojtyla.

Highlights:

- Warsaw, Poland's capital: *Old Town, Uprising Museum, Bl. Jerzy Popiełuszko, Maximilian Kolbe's City of the Immaculata.*
- Częstochowa and the Shrine of Jasna Góra
- Kraków: *Sites of John Paul II, Wawel Cathedral/Castle, City Center, The Mariacki, Salt Mines, Divine Mercy Shrine, The John Paul II Sanctuary.*
- Day trip: *Wadowice- John Paull II's home town and tour of Auschwitz Concentration Camp*
- Outdoor excursion TBD.

Who: The program is for high school youth, between the ages of 16 and 19. Students ages 14 and 15 from affiliated schools with permission are welcome to apply. The youth are referred to here as *pilgrims*, for the journey they undertake; *students*, for the learning; and *participants*, for their active role in the pilgrimage program.

When: July 2 to July 12, 2018. Flight Itinerary:

Lufthansa 417 / 02JUL	IAD Frankfurt	330P	525A
Lufthansa1346/ 03JUL	Frankfurt Warsaw	810A	945A
Lufthansa1365/ 12JUL	Krakow Frankfurt	1050A	1225P
Lufthansa 418 / 12JUL	Frankfurt IAD	115P	355P

Cost: \$2,720

The Package: Price includes airfare, all meals, lodging, transportation, mid-stay laundry service and entry fees to all sites and museums. The only money each pilgrim needs to bring is for personal spending (i.e. gifts, snacks, etc.).

Registration Schedule: Interested students must apply no later than November 11, 2017, though spots will be given according to a first-come, first-serve basis. Checks made payable to The John Paul II Project are due according to the following timeline.

December 3, 2018: Deposit of \$120

January 5, 2018: Payment of \$600

March 2, 2018: Payment of \$1000

April 27, 2018: Payment of \$1000

Pilgrim Leaders: The pilgrim leaders are the staff of The John Paul II Project. These individuals are passionate about sharing the Faith, the legacy of John Paul II, and the cultural heritage of Poland with young people, whom they believe are made for greatness. They will accompany the students during their entire journey, from their arrival to departure, and are available 24/7 for emergency contact. To learn more about The John Paul II Project and the experienced staff, please visit www.jp2project.org.

No Barriers Policy: After countless pilgrimages, we've seen the immense fruits of students participating without the barrier of devices and unnecessary items. Students come with zero devices and one backpack for the program. Not having a screen barrier enables the students to enter into a dialogue with the history, culture, and the people surrounding them. One backpack allows students to experience the freedom of detachment, while providing practical mobility for transport in between locations. (Please know that a student may bring a phone to ease communication when they have arrived at the airport after the pilgrimage, but it will be placed in the "phone resort" for the duration of the pilgrimage.)

Fully Alive Policy: The youth are given the opportunity for a full night's sleep and a well-fed body at all three meals a day. Rest and nourishment allow pilgrims to fully give of themselves each intensive day of the pilgrimage. Pilgrims are advised to bring or purchase their own snacks.

Youth Protagonists: The participating youth are made protagonists of the pilgrimage by having responsibilities and roles, from organizing sports, to working the media team, to leading times of prayer.

Following the Action: Though pilgrims will not be snapping photos on their own phones, there is a media team to document the entire journey. Photos and video clips taken with a professional camera will be made available to all participants at the end of the pilgrimage. Students part of the media team work with the staff to post photos and blog the journey for family and friends to follow from home.

Safety Contact: Upon arrival in Poland, staff will notify all parents and guardians of their child's safe arrival via email. All staff and chaperones will be reachable by phone in the case of an emergency. These numbers will be provided before the pilgrimage to all parents and guardians. At the start of the pilgrimage, students will be given wallet-sized information cards with all important contact numbers of staff and safety personnel, and addresses of lodging.